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Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program

Newsletter, April 2006



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Greetings!

**And welcome to
SNAP April
Newsletter**

We the Stuttgart Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program would like you, our neighbors, to know us better & make SNAP a part of your life. This newsletter is also an invitation to come by the SNAP Office / Meetings and see what we have to offer in terms of a safe community. We've included information we hope you'll find useful: **We are located on Patch Barracks Washington Square Bldg. 2307 1st Floor room 124, contact Mr. Epps at 430-5560 / Civ. 0711-680-5560, cell 0162-2975280 or email eppse@6asg.army.mil Visit our website at www.stuttgart.army.mil**

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SNAP Making a Different

The community SNAP observers are making a difference within the community, examples are assisting in reporting of abandon vehicles reporting them to the Military Police and Installation Coordinators, thereby reducing the numbers of vehicle that have expired registrations, or cars that were simply left behind. Observers report defect playground equipment as Spring begins and kids will be out and about playing on this gear. Reducing community vulnerability, Mrs. Nasca pointed out a force protection vulnerability area, a large berm along the fence line which would allow an intruder concealment and easy access to enter onto the installation.

The berm was removed, large truck loads of dirt removed and transported away, trees and scrubs cut down and taken away, the problem mitigated allowing for a safer community. Mrs. Katy Cashman recommended to have a cross walk constructed in a needed location for safe crossing of kids on their way to and from school as well as for other pedestrians on Arkansas Street, this project has been approved.

Your too, can make a difference it's all of our community. Remember, prevention is the key.

SNAP TRAINING

SNAP is a great way to make a difference in protecting the community. As we enjoy living in Europe, we must continue to heighten our situational awareness. Join SNAP today.

12th and 26th April 06 @ 11:00 AM

On Patch Barracks Bldg 2307 Rm 124

SNAP Quarterly Meeting 24 April

Time: Starting a 11:30 AM. Patch Barracks Washington Square, Bldg 2307 2nd fl. Wellness Center Conference Room. See Community Volunteers on page 2 spreading safety.



The Partnerships Between SNAP and the Military Police

It's critical to the on-going responsibility of ensuring that our community continues to be a safe place to live, raise families and conduct business. Opportunity to share meaningful information regarding our important partnerships through the publication of the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program

Newsletter. The information provided through the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program Newsletter is intended for your benefit and consideration as we all work together to enhance the quality of life issues in our community. Your Provost Marshal Division, is committed to providing exceptional levels of

public safety service with a focus on the concepts of community policing, which requires dedicated partnerships and meaningful problem solving efforts. The women and men of the MP Station and SNAP are very proud of our long-standing commitment to being accessible and responsive to the public safety and needs.



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Community SNAP Observers Gather to Spread Safety

Members of the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program gather at the Commissary to spread the word of safety in it's aim for the fight against terrorist, in order to help keep the community safe & free of crime for all to live and work in the beautiful Stuttgart community.



From left to right
Mrs. Cashman, SRA Phillips and
SSgt Green



SSG Holt, Mrs. Nation and Mrs. Martin

Community SNAP Observers.

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From left to right
TSgt Baez, Miss Emiko Patterson and
Mrs. Patterson



From left to right
Mr. Epps, Mrs. Nasca, SRA Phillips and
SSgt Green

In Case of a Disaster

Be prepared and help other to be prepared, in case of a emergency disaster. Reaching out to individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses to provide them with the tools and information they need to respond to and recover from disasters. We encourages everyone to develop a plan for responding to disasters. Have a well-stocked emergency kits at home, in your car and at work. Working with

neighbors can save lives and property. Meet with your neighbors to plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster until help arrives. Join The Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program, and learn more about disaster preparedness as a new activity. Know your neighbors' special skills (e.g., medical, technical) and consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as disabled and elderly persons. Make

plans for child care in case parents can't get home right away. Get to Know Your Neighbors. Become involved as volunteers to support local emergency responders, disaster relief and community safety. There are many other ways to make a difference during a disaster. These include volunteering, donating blood, learning a life-saving skill. and encouraging your extended family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to join you in becoming READY.



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Safety At Home

Use Electricity Safely

Don't overload extension cords or run them under rugs. Replace any cord that is cracked or frayed. If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it and have it repaired by a professional.

Matches or Lighters are deadly in the hands of a child

Use child resistant lighters. Store matches and lighters up high in locked cabinets.

Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape

Have an escape plan that includes two ways out of each room and meeting place outside the home. Practice your plan with the whole family at least twice a year. If you must escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit. Install a smoke detector and change batteries once a year.

Stop Drop and Roll

If your clothes catch on fire, **stop** where you are, **drop** to the ground,

with your hands over your face roll over and over to smother the flames.

Cool A Burn

If someone gets burned, place the wound in cool water for 10-15 minutes. If the burn blisters or chars, see a doctor immediately.

In an Emergency Call

In case of fire go to your neighbor's home to call.

Teach your children how to get emergency help. Call DSN 117 or CIV 0711-729-2085 in case of an emergency.

Structure Fires

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In 2002 alone, cooking-related fires caused an estimated 185,600 structure fires, 80 civilian deaths, 3,875 injuries, and \$481 million in property damage, according to a new report issued today by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration.

Simply being more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment would greatly reduce these types of fires and injuries."

Cooking fires peak during the dinner hour with oil, fat, and grease being the leading types of material that ignite over 40 percent of these structure fires.

Residential Smoking Fires and Casualties

Lighted tobacco products caused residential fires, million in residential property damage, smokers need to be more attentive Forty percent

of all smoking fires start in the bedroom or living room/family room areas of the home. In 35% of smoking fires, upholstered furniture, mattresses, pillows, or bedding were the items first ignited. Many smoking fires originate in the bedroom late at night when victims are sleeping. Don't leave cigarettes, cigars or pipes unattended. Put out all smoking materials before you walk away.

Terrorist Operations

Terrorists always choose their targets after careful surveillance. They select targets that seem weak or unprotected, they look for targets where people are not alert, pick the target and method of attack that will get them the greatest

attention. For most terrorists, there are no innocent bystanders. Sometimes they choose victims they perceive as enemies of their cause. In other cases they choose victims without any other purpose than to generate fear

from a random act. The goals of terrorism are usually political, social, or religious in nature. Terrorists truly believe they are working toward a better world. Terrorist acts may be very low key within communities.



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NEW CREDIT CARD SCAM

By: Maryanne Hunsberger

Note - the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it.

This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

The scam works like this:

Person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. Did you pur-

chase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?" When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?" You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for

Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6-digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works:

The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers' that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove

you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up. Long story made short—You need to make a fraud report with the police department and with your credit card company and close the account.

What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they would never ask for anything on the card, as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost to late and/or more

difficult to actually file a fraud report. Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing each other, we protect each other.



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Office of the Spokesman

Italy, Holy See (Vatican City) and San Marino.

This Public Announcement is issued to alert Americans to ongoing security concerns in Italy. Demonstrations are planned in various parts of the country in anticipation of the upcoming Italian Parliamen-

tary elections April 9 and 10, and municipal elections in May. This Public Announcement will expire on June 19, 2006. Demonstrations may be large, but even peaceful demonstrations have the potential to escalate into violence. Some of the demonstrations may be an-

nounced; others may be spontaneous. On March 11, demonstrations by "No Global" and anarchist groups in Milan became violent, resulting in broken windows and streets blockages; fifteen police officers were injured and 40-45 individuals were arrested.

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